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Applicant: Hiroyuki Osaki

Examiner: David Donald Davis

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Title: MAGNETIC TAPE APPARATUS  
INCLUDING A CIRCUMFERENTIAL  
SURFACE HAVING A GENERALLY FLAT  
PORTION BETWEEN PEAK PORTIONS  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE  
SAME (as amended herein)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 13, 2006, Applicant requests the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.